

Another old Fairbury photo that has quite a story. At one time, the Troehler's were a huge family in Fairbury. In recent times, probably the most well known was Phil Troehler, who was a Fairbury police officer, and who died in 2022.

I already wrote a story about the Troehler family history in Fairbury, at the request of Phil when he was still alive. So, I had the family tree already set up in Ancestry.com.

I went to the family tree and found a Louise Troehler (1870-1957). Her baby photo would have been around 1872 and we have very few photos that old in Fairbury.

The photographer was Mr. Hummer, and he worked in Fairbury between 1910 and 1938, so he could not have taken an 1872 photo.

So I checked some more and found out that Fred C. Troehler (1889-1979) and Elsie Forster (1888-1980) had twin girls back in 1915. Unfortunately, one of the twin girls died when only 5 weeks old.

The other twin girl, Louisa Alta Troehler (1915-1935) lived to be 20 years old before dying of "infantile paralysis", which is another name for Polio. She contracted the disease and died less than 1 week later. Polio in America was not eliminated until the 1950s. I'm guessing this baby photo was taken around 1917, which is 7 years after Mr. Hummel starting taking Fairbury photos.

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